

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of*  
the United States of America, in congress assembled, That any  
officer or soldier of the Virginia line, on continental establishment,  
his heirs or assigns, to whom a land warrant has issued, by virtue  
of any resolution of the legislature of Virginia, as a bounty for ser-  
vices, which, by the laws of Virginia, passed prior to the cession of  
the north western territory to the United States, entitled such officer  
or soldier to bounty lands, shall, if the said warrant has been or shall  
be located within                      years from the 23d of March next,  
and a survey thereof has been or shall be, within                      years  
from the said 23d of March next, returned to the office of the secre-  
tary of war, obtain a patent for the same, in the same manner, and



13 on the same conditions, as patents are obtained for lands located and  
 14 surveyed on other warrants of the officers and soldiers of the Vir-  
 15 ginia line, on continental establishment; *Provided*, That no patent  
 16 shall be obtained on such resolution warrant, unless there is pro-  
 17 duced to the secretary of war, satisfactory evidence that such war-  
 18 rant was granted for services which, by the laws of Virginia passed  
 19 prior to the cession of the north western territory, would have enti-  
 20 tled such officer or soldier, his heirs or assigns, to bounty lands, and  
 21 also a certificate of the register of the land office of Virginia, that  
 22 no other warrant has issued from the said land office for the same  
 23 services.

1    Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no patent shall be issued,  
 2 by virtue of the preceding section, for a greater quantity of land,  
 3 than the rank or term of service of the officer or soldier, to whom  
 4 or to whose legal representatives such resolution warrant has been  
 5 granted, would have been entitled to under the aforesaid laws of  
 6 Virginia; and whenever it appears to the secretary of war, that the  
 7 survey or surveys, made by virtue of any resolution warrant, is  
 8 for a greater quantity of land than the officer or soldier is entitled  
 9 to for his services, the secretary of war shall certify, on the said  
 10 survey or surveys, the amount of such surplus quantity, and the  
 11 officer or soldier, his heirs or assigns, shall have leave to withdraw  
 12 his survey from the office of the secretary of war, and resurvey his  
 13 location, excluding such surplus quantity, in one body, from any  
 14 part of his resurvey, and a patent shall issue upon such resurvey  
 15 as in other cases.